

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of the Study

All of people who live in this world would demands justice and equality. They also want a decent job and a good social status to fulfill their daily requirements, but they have a different social status. This is the reason why discrimination appears. Envy against the existing thereon and also a sense of discrimination against people who underneath. Marx Stated that “all society that had ever existed had been class societies of one kind or another” (Saunders, 1990: 5). And because of this difference discrimination occur Ansel said that “Discrimination refers to unfair treatment of some sort”. (Ansel, ET all, 1988: 290), Ansel also mentions that “discrimination is costly both to individual and to society” (Ansel, ET all, 1988: 304).

Veronica Roth, as the author of *Divergent* (2011) novel, reflected the social discrimination on her novel. *Divergent* (2011) tell a story about post apocalyptic nation, named Chicago. The government of Chicago decided to divide the society into five factions in hopes of creating a better, more peaceful world than the one that existed before. The city of Chicago is said to be abandoned and in ruins due to the collapse of the last society. All events in the book take place in the five factions including Abnegation, Erudite, Dauntless, Amity, and Candor (Divergent. 2011).

In the *Divergent* (2011), the authority of the government in Chicago was trusted with the Abnegation. Jeanine as the Erudite’s leader want to grab those authority, she released some article filled with slander about Abnegation. Those article made the Abnegation under discrimination from the other factions. This condition affected with the main character of the *Divergent* (2011) novel, Beatrice Prior. She had to face the discrimination because she came from the Abnegation (Divergent. 2011).

The citizen's in the *Divergent* (2011) universe was divided into five faction, they are divided based on their personality in hopes of creating a better, more peaceful world than the one that existed before. The first faction is Abnegation, this is where the major character came from. Abnegation is a faction for people with the selfless personality. Factions which concerned the other factions, rather than their own. Members of the Abnegation take over the public services in the city. Abnegation life sector was a place with full of simplicity style, their value of life is forget about their desire, their greed, vanity and envy (Divergent. 2011).

The Second faction is the Dauntless, Dauntless are those who are brave. Dauntless was described as a faction that hated cowardise, they chose Dauntless because they was brave. Dauntless became the only faction with a difficult initiation. Initiation is a test for those who want to join the new faction. If they want to join the another faction, they had to pass the initiation. But if they did not pass the initiation, they would lost their faction and become factionless. Dauntless related with the strong and brave soldiers (Divergent. 2011).

The third faction is Erudite, this faction related with intelligent and smart people. Erudite is faction which considered the most intelligent faction among the other factions, they upholding science. Erudite was a factions that caused Abnegation under discrimination. Jeanine as the Erudite's leader want to grab the authority in the government from the Abnegation with releasing some article without a proof about Abnegation. Erudite also exploited the Dauntless to attack the Abnegation. The fourth is Amity. Amity's value is peaceful and live with harmony. Amity's members are happy people, willing to serve, but unlike the Abnegation, they does not come face-to-face with those they serve (Divergent. 2011).

The last faction is Candor. Candor is place for people with honest personality. Candor value is honesty above of anything else. According to Christina, Candor acts according to the idea that if the person reveals all his secrets, he has no desire to lie about anything because the worst is already in the open. Although Candor values honesty the most, they also seek to develop impartiality (Divergent. 2011).

Between those five factions, there is another group that is not part of a social class or faction. They called Factionless or people who are not accepted by any faction. This group is filled by people who failed the initiation. They live in poverty. They do the heavy work such as being janitors, construction workers, seamstresses, the bus driver even garbage collectors. They live miserable, they live in places that do not deserve such shabby and under the bridge, near the trash, ruins, near of junkyard.

The *Divergent* (2011) story begin with a girl named Beatrice Prior, born in the Abnegation family, a family which more cares about the others than themselves. The Abnegation always helps the other factions, but Beatrice felt that she doesn't fit with her faction, she is to selfish to be the member of Abnegation. In a country where Beatrice lived, had a rules that said that any citizens who already seventeen years old are required to take the exam. Exam that determines where the citizens are in a faction should be, but those people also have the right to reject the results of the test and chose to stay with the old faction (Divergent. 2011).

Beatrice and her brother take the exam. However, the results of exams taken by Beatrice show that she deserves to get into three factions, which is Abnegation, Erudite and Dauntless. Tori as the examiner who tested Beatrice gives a warning and told Beatrice to not tell anyone about the results of the tests that have been passed by Beatrice. Tori told that people with this condition called "*Divergent*." Tori ask Beatrice to go home, and don't go anywhere until the result of the test has been announced (Divergent. 2011).

Beatrice was in doubt whether she should stay with her family or move to another factions. The announcing day finally arrived, where Beatrice had to make a decision. Beatrice finally decided to leave her family in Abnegation faction, and she chose to join the Dauntless. While her brother was also decided to left Abnegation and join the Erudite faction (Divergent. 2011).

Beatrice joined the Dauntless, in the Dauntless sector area she met with her instructors, Four. Four explained that not everyone who wants to join the Dauntless will be taken for granted. They have to go through some training and evaluation, depend on the Dauntless's rules. This faction only received 10 new people. And the rest which is not passed from the initiation will be discarded and will lose their faction. Those who lose faction will be called with factionless. And those who pass the exercise and evaluation will be allowed to be a member of the Dauntless Faction (Divergent. 2011).

In the Dauntless Faction, Beatrice have right to change her name. She decides to rename herself into Tris. And in this faction she gets a new friend named Christina, Al, and Will. The training was conducted by Dauntless consists of three stages. The first stage is learning to use guns and knives. Tris also learn how to do the fight without weapons (Divergent. 2011).

While undergoing initiation in the Dauntless, Beatrice had to face the social discrimination from the other members, because Beatrice came from the Abnegation. The others calling her as "Stiff", Stiff was a nickname for someone who came from Abnegation. Some members of the Dauntless are often insulting and discriminate her, especially Eric and Peter (Divergent. 2011).

After a couple weeks of the initiation process, there are parents visiting day. On this day, Beatrice met with her mother. Tris's mother explained that she ever being the Dauntless member. She talk about the second stage of the initiation. At this stage Tris had to follow a simulation that will test their talents. Tris's mother told that Tris and her friends will be

faced with a situation that will show the fear by each person. This simulation is hypnotic and the participants will feel that situation is real.

The second stage of the initiation test finally arrived, with Four's helps, Tris can pass the test very easily and get a perfect score because she have the ability of being "*Divergent*" (Divergent. 2011).

After the second stage of the test has been done, Four invited Tris to come to his private apartment, while Four also expressed her feelings about Tris, and they are sleep together in the Four's private apartment. In the morning after initiation ceremonial, Four and Tris realized that all of the Dauntless members has been injected by Eric and Jeanine with a kind of serum that made all of the Dauntless members became sleep-walking soldiers. With the serum effect Jeanine could control the Dauntless to attack the Abnegation, and could annihilating the Abnegation members (Divergent. 2011).

Tris and Four tried to flee when they arrived at the complex abnegation, but Tris was shot and wounded. Four refused to leave Tris behind. And finally they were caught and taken by Jeaniene, a leader of Erudite faction. Jeanine who is the mastermind of all these attacks. Jeanine injected Four with an experimental serum which can control Four. Jeanine directs Four to go to the Dauntless control room's. Tris awakened. And she was already inside a tank of glass, containing water. Then her mother came and rescued Tris. Tris's Mom revealed that she is *Divergent* too. But unfortunately Tris's Mom was also killed as she helped Tris to escape (Divergent. 2011).

She found her father, Andrew, and Marcus at safe home. They agreed to get to the control room. But Tris's Father was killed while helping Tris, When Tris heading towards the control room. Tris met with four. But Four attacked Tris, because Four are still in serum effect. Tris try to make Four conscious, and finally succeeded. After Four realized he help Tris to beat Jeanine. After Tris and Four beat Jeanine, Tris and Four found the control room, they were finally able to free the Dauntless from the serum

effect. And finally they fled with Tris's brother, and Four's Father. They took a train and left the city behind. The story ended as Tris and the other survivors left the Abnegation and run away to Amity (Divergent. 2011).

Based on the storyline above, there is some reason why the resercher interested in analyzing this novel. Firstly, *Divergent* novel is kind of popular novel with the depiction of realities of life and having many kinds of problems. Secondly, *Divergent* has inspirational story. It can be analyzed based on the experience of the character in the novel. Thirdly, *Divergent* novel delineates social values in real life. *Divergent* is a delineation of the discriminated society. The reader can see from society in Abnegation life was discriminated by the Erudite. They were attacked by Erudite and discriminated by other factions. This condition affected with Beatrice as the main character of the novel (Divergent. 2011).

Relating to all the description above the writer decided to uses Marxist approach. According to Bethany Khol on his website, Marxist approach is the study of the struggle between the upper, lower, and middle class. The basis of this perspective is economics. Karl Marx found that economic drive and force behind the society. Marxist looks for oppression of a lower class by an upper class. The writer use Marxist approach to know how and why social discrimination happens in *Divergent* novel. Karl Marx said that the main reason behind conflicts in history was the attempts by the lower class to obtain power, and the effort by the upper class to retain what they already had. Marxist criticism, similar to historical analysis, it claims that literature is not art independent of its time and culture but rather a product of it. (<https://infogr.am>).

Marxist is one of theories that are used as perspective of some certain literary works. Rane Wellek and Austin Warren in theory of literature, 1956: 94 states that Marxist critic not only study these relation between literature and society, but also they have their clearly defined conception of what these relations should be, both in our present society and in future 'classes' society". According to Ratna (2005:165) on her thesis,

Marxist has a concept that suprastructure of ideology: In this case literary works seems determined by the material infrastructure, which if the society (Permanasari, 2011:13).

Based on the data above, the researcher analyzes *Divergent* novel by using Marxist approach to dig up the Social Discrimination entitled, **“Social Discrimination Reflected In Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* : Marxist Theory”**.

## B. Literature Review

The *Divergent* is an interesting fantasy novel. These novels are interesting to be read and also to be a research object. As far as the researcher concerns, the research on The *Divergent* has been conducted by the students around the world.

The first study about the “*Divergent*” is conducted by Arlita (2015) from State Muhammadiyah Surakarta University at Sukoharjo with title” A Translation Analysis on Verb Phrase in *Divergent* Novel by Anggun Prameswari.” Her research focus on analyzes English verb phrase in translation *Divergent* novel. The study aims (1) at identifying translation variations of verb phrase found in *Divergent* novel and (2) at describing the accuracy translation of verb phrase found in *Divergent* novel. The type of this research is descriptive qualitative research. The object of the study is the novel entitled *Divergent* and its translation. The data of this study is verb phrase in *Divergent* novel. Data source used in this research are the documentation of the data research paper and the informant or one rater. The researcher uses document and questionnaire in collecting data. The data are analyzed by using comparing method. Based on the analysis, there are 9 types of verb phrase. They are verb phrase translated into Indonesian verb consists of 159 or 2,97% data, 1 or 0,2% data English verb phrase translated into Indonesian noun, 13 or 2,4% data English verb phrase translated into Indonesian adjective, 11 or 2% data English verb phrase translated into Indonesian adverb, 32 or 6% data English verb phrase translated into

Indonesian adjective phrase, 16 or 3% data English verb phrase translated into Indonesian adverb phrase, 4 or 0,7% data English verb phrase translated into Indonesian noun phrase, 270 or 50,4% English verb phrase translated into Indonesian verb phrase, and 30 or 5,6% deletion. So, it finds 536 data or 100% in translation variation. In their accuracy, from 1124 verb phrase there are 174 data or 15,5% accurate, 902 data or 80,2% less accurate and 48 data or 4,3% not accurate. It can be concluded that from 1124 data English verb phrase translation variations are accurate. The research concluded that from 1124 data verb phrase translation variations are accurate.

The second research is created by Eldoliefy (2015) with title “Societies of Control in Young Adult Literature: The Panoptic World of Veronica Roth’s Trilogy *Divergent*.” The researcher shows the study about Societies of Control in Young Adult Literature, the problem of this study is how societies of control in young adult literature in the *Divergent* novel, to describe societies of control in young adult literature in the *Divergent* novel, and to reveal the necessity for Veronica Roth to address societies of control in young adult literature.

The third research is created by Larasati (2016) from State Muhammadiyah Surakarta University at Sukoharjo with title “Pessimistic View Of The Future Of Genetic Engineering In Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* Trilogy Novel (2011-2013): A Sociological Approach.” This research belongs to qualitative research. The primary data of this research is *Divergent* Trilogy by Veronica Roth, while the secondary data of this research is other sources related to the study, such as: virtual sources and other printed materials that support this research. The researcher draws three conclusions in this research. *First*, the Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering is characterized by such qualities as negative perception, anxiety, sadness, despair, doubtfulness, and low self-esteem. *Second*, the Pessimistic View of the Future of Genetic Engineering is depicted mainly through the plot illustrating that society cannot develop



naturally, society wants equal treatment between genetic damage and genetic pure, society commit revenge to the bureau, and genetic damage is always accused of war, rebellion, or the kind of bad action. *Third*, the underlying reason of the author to give concern in futuristic issues is that the author wants to raise the awareness of the need for wise usage of science and technology, especially genetic engineering.

The fourth research conducted by Prasgiyardi (2016) from State Muhammadiyah Surakarta University at Sukoharjo with title “Political Conflict Among Factions: A Criticism on Veronica Roth's Novel *Divergent* (2011).” He focused on describing political conflict among factions which is reflected in Veronica Roth’s novel *Divergent*. The object of the study is *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth which is published in 2011. The data sources consist of primary data source and secondary data source. The primary data source is the text of *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth, published by Harper Collins and the secondary data sources are references or materials related to study which are taken from books, websites, and other matters that support this analysis. The method of collecting data in this research is library research by summarizing, paraphrasing, and documenting the data. The technique of data analysis is descriptive analysis. The result of this research shows that Roth generally wants to describe the social classes in the post-apocalyptic Chicago. *Divergent* also shows the conflict between factions that fight to get the authority of the government.

Based on the review previous study above, there are similarity and differentiation from the previous of study. The similarity is using Veronica Roth’s *Divergent* novel, and the differentiation is using different approach, different date of research and also different issues so, the researcher will do extremely different research from the previous of study.

### **C. Problem Statement**

Based on the title and the background of the study, the researcher takes the problem statement is “How is the Social Discrimination reflected at Veronica Roth’s *Divergent*?”

#### **D. Limitation of The Study**

In this study, the researcher will focus in analyzing Social Discrimination which is reflected in the *Divergent* using marxist approach.

#### **E. Objectives of The Study**

Conducting the research, the writer formulates the objectives of the study, as follows:

1. To analyze the novel based on its structural elements by finding character and characterization, setting, plot point of view, and theme.
2. To analyze Social Discrimination reflected at Veronica Roth's *Divergent* on Marxist Theory

#### **F. Benefit of The Study**

The researcher expect that the this study which investigating issue "Social Discrimination reflected at Veronica Roth's *Divergent* bear many benefits. The benefit of this research as follows:

##### **1. Theoretical Benefits**

The writer wishes that the result of this study is expected to be able to give a new information and contribution of knowledge to the academic reference, especially reference for the literary studies on this *Divergent* novel.

##### **2. Pratical Benefits**

This study is expected to give deeper understanding and enrich both experience and knowledge for the writer, and generally for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and also this study can be used as reference by other students by other university who are interested in literary study on *Divergent* based on Marxist approach.

#### **G. Research Method**

##### **1. Type of the Study**

In this research, the researcher uses a qualitative research. It is a library research while data sources need literary data. This kind of research has purpose to analyze literature using psychoanalytic approach. There are some steps to conduct the research. They are (1) determining

the type of the study (2) determining the object of the study (3) determining data and data source (4) determining technique of data collection, and (5) determining technique of data analysis.

## **2. Object of the Study**

The writer uses the novel of *Divergent*. The *Divergent* novel published in 2011 has 223 pages.

## **3. Type of the Data and the Data Source**

There are two data sources which are needed to conduct this research. They are primary data sources and secondary data sources.

### **a. Primary Data Sources**

The source of primary data is Veronica Roth's *Divergent* (2011).

### **b. The writer takes the secondary data sources are from many sources such as dictionary, some books which support the research, references, journals, biography of the author, the synopsis of the novel, and the material related to the research whether they are taken from the books or internet.**

## **4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The technique of collecting data are reading novel and note taking, the steps are as follows:

- a. Reading the original novel *Divergent* several times.
- b. Determining the characters of novel.
- c. Taking notes of important things for both of primary and secondary data source.
- d. Classifying data by determining the relevant data.

## **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. There are two techniques of analyzing data. The first is analyzing data based on its structural elements of the novel in Veronica Roth's *Divergent* (2011). Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing data based on Marxist theory. Focus will be paid on the Discrimination.

## H. Paper Organization

This research paper organization of Discrimination in Veronica Roth's *Divergent* (2011) is as follows:

Chapter I is introduction consisting of background of the study, previous study, limitation of the study, problem statements, objective of the study, benefit of the study, underlying theory, research method, and paper organization. Chapter II is the underlying theory that contains the notion of Marxist theory, the major principle of Marxist theory and structural elements of the novel, which is closely related to the topic discussed. Chapter III consist of historical background of America in the beginning of the 21st century. Chapter IV consist of covers the structural elements of the novel that includes characters and characterization, setting, plot, point of view, style and theme. Chapter V is Marxist analysis toward the novel. Chapter VI consists of conclusion and suggestion of the study.